

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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AS in the direction of the arrow A. Figure 14 shows the preferred location and orientation of the notches 212 with respect to the luminescent material 36 for the optical display panel of the invention.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel [✓] claims 6-18, 21-42 and 44-48 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims, 1, 2, 20 and 43:

1. (Amended) A combination comprising:
an optical fiber containing a notch, and
a luminescent material,
wherein said notch is configured so as to direct radiant energy within the fiber toward the luminescent material.

2. (Amend) An optical luminescent display device, comprising:
a luminescent material; and
a side emitting optical fiber adapted for supplying radiant energy to said luminescent material.

A7 20. (Amended) A method for causing a luminescent material to emit visible light, comprising:
emitting radiant energy into an optical fiber; and